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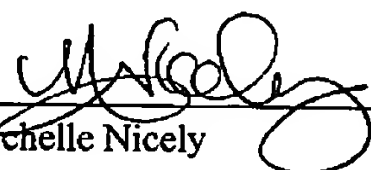
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2005 that set a three-months period for a reply, the Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension to file a reply by November 18, 2005. Authorization is hereby given to charge Account No. 50-0359 for the extension. This reply is thus timely filed.

In view of the claims set forth herein at page 2 and the remarks at page 7, reconsideration and allowance of the Application is respectfully requested.